

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

Legalizing ownership of more than 30% of our media (via cable) would be detrimental to free speech in the United States. As of now, only about 8 companies control virtually everything that airs as news. I am appalled that this fact has not resulted in an uproar from the FCC; that the same institution is considering lowering that number is nothing short of a crime against the principles of free speech and press upon which this country was founded. Allowing a handful of immense corporations to monopolize the media will ensure that only a handful of will be broadcast. As members of an American institution, the members of the FCC ought to be concerned not with satisfying corporate interests, but rather those of the people of this country.